

SENATE RESOLUTION 116

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Rachel Joan Shelton,
2012 Salutatorian of Central High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Joan Shelton is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class at Central High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Rachel has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Shelton has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Rachel has graciously dedicated her time and energies to numerous scholastic and extracurricular efforts, including serving as a member of the Marching Band Colorguard, National Honor Society, Beta Club, and Prom Committee, and as a former member of the 4-H Club; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, she has served with acumen and alacrity as a volunteer at Holly Springs Stable in Mentone, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Rachel Shelton is a four-year recipient of the Academic Excellence Award, a recipient of the Chemistry Award and the Humanities Award, she was enrolled in several Honors and AP classes, and she participated in Dual Enrollment through Chattanooga State Community College; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shelton's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, which she plans to attend to pursue a degree in English; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Becky Shelton and Mark Shelton, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Shelton's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor the 2012 Central High School Salutatorian, Rachel Joan Shelton, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.